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DR. TALMAGE FINDS A LESSON IN THE SUBJUGATED ISPACLITE.

The Church of Today Has Allowed the Infidels to Assume Too Mach In Science and Literature - We Need More Non Like Agassis, Silliman and Hitchcock.

Madison, Wis., July 23 .- The great Firong of many thousands from all parts of the north and west are gathered at the Monona Lake assembly, a Chantanqua held near this city. Rev. Dr. Tal-mage this forenoon preached to the great multitude on "Sharpened Axes," the text being I Samuel xiii, 19-21, "Now, there was no smith found throughout all the

land of Israel," etc.

My loving and glad salutation to this uncounted host, Chautauquans, Christian Endeavorers, gospel workers and their friends from all parts of Wisconsin and America, saints and sinners! My text is gloriously appropriate. What a galling subjugation the Israelites were suffering! The Philistines had carried off all the blacksmiths and torn down all the blacksmiths' shops and abolished the blacksmith's trade in the land of

These Philistines had a particular grudge against blacksmiths, although I have always admired them and have sometimes thought I ought to have been one myself. The Philistines would not even allow these parties to work their valuable mines of brass and iron, nor might they make any swords or spears. There were only two swords left in all the land. Yea, these Philistines went on until they had taken all the grindstones from the land of Israel, so that if an Israelitish farmer wanted to sharpen his plow or his ax he had to go over to the garrison of the Philistines to get it done. There was only one sharpening instrument left in the land, and that was a file. The farmers and the mechanics having nothing to whet up the coulter, and the goad, and the pickax save a simple file, industry was hindered and work practically disgraced.

The great idea of these Philistines was to keep the Israelites disarmed. They might get iron out of the hills to make swords of, but they would not have any blacksmiths to weld this iron. If they got the iron welded, they would have no grindstones on which to bring the instruments of agriculture or the military weapons up to an edge. Oh, you poor, weaponless Israelites, reduced to a file, how I pity you! But these Philistines were not forever to keep their heel on the neck of God's children. Jonathan, on his hands and knees, climbs up a great rock beyond which were the Philistines, and his armor bearer, on his hands and knees, climbs up the same rock, and these two men, with their two swords, hew to pieces the Philistines, the Lord throwing a great terror upon them. So it was then; so it is now. The two men of God on their knees mightier than a Philistine host on their feet.

A CHURCH WITHOUT WEAPONS. I learn first from this subject how dangerous it is for the church of God to allow its weapons to stay in the hands of its enemies. These Israelites might again and again have obtained a supply of swords and weapons, as, for instance, when they took the spoils of the Ammonites, but these Israelites seemed content to have no swords, no spears, no blacksmiths, no grindstones, no active iron mines, until it was too late for them to make any resistance. I see the farmers tugging along with their pickaxes and plows, and I say, "Where are you going with those things?" They say, "Oh, we are going over to the garrison of the Philistines to get these things sharpened." I say, "You foolish men; why don't you sharpen them at home?" "Oh." they say, "the blacksmiths' shops are all torn down, and we have nothing left us

So it is in the church of Christ today. We are too willing to give up our weapons to the enemy. The world boasts that it has gobbled up the schools, and the colleges, and the arts, and the sciences, and the literature, and the printing press. Infidelity is making a mighty attempt to get all our weapons in its hand and then to keep them. You know it is making this boast all the time, and after awhile, when the great battle between sin and righteousness has opened, if we do not look out we will be as badly off as these Israelites, without any swords to fight with and without any sharpening instruments.

I call upon the superintendents of literary institutions to see to it that the men who go into the classrooms to stand beside the Leyden jars, and the electric batteries, and the microscopes or telescopes be children of God, not Philistines. The atheistic thinkers of this day are trying to get all the intellectual weapons of this century in their own grasp. What we want is scientific Christians to capture the science, and scholastic Christians to capture the scholarship, and philosophic Christians to capture the philosophy, and lecturing Christians to take back the lecturing platform.

THE WEAPONS OF SCIENCE. We want to send out against Schenkel and Strauss and Renau of the past men like the late Theodore Christlieb of Bonn, and against the infidel scientists a God worshiping Silliman and Hitchcock and Agassiz. We want to capture all the philosophical apparatus and swing around the telescopes on the swivel until through them we can see the morning star of the Redeemer, and with mineralogical hammer discover the "Rock of Ages," and amid the flora of the realms find the "Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley."

We want a clergy learned enough to discourse of the human eye, showing it to be a microscope and telescope in one instrument, with 800 wonderful contrivances and lids closing 30,000 or 40,000 times a day, all its muscles and nerves and bones showing the infinite skill of an infinite God, and then winding up with the peroration. "He that formed the sye, shall he not see?" And then we want to discourse about the human ear, its wonderful integraments, membranes with the question, "He that planted the ear, shall he not bear?"

their courses shall fight against Sisera." Was the man eloquent before, it gener-Oh, church of God, go out and recep- ally thickens his tongue. Was he fine try speak out for Christ, and the report- it destroys his popularity. Was he placid ers, and the typesetters, and the editors and genial and loving, it makes him and publishers swear allegiance to the splenetic and cross, and so utterly is he Lord God of truth.

Ah, my friend, that day must come, and if the great body of Christian men have leit him nothing but a file. have not the faith, or the courage, or the consecration to do it, then let some Jon-God of Israel slash to pieces those literbe converted to God, then they must be destroyed.

MORE CHRISTIAN ENERGY NEEDED. Again, I learn from this subject what, s large amount of the church's resources is actually hidden and buried and undeveloped. The Bible intimates that that was a very rich land-this land of Israel. It says, "The stones are iron, and out of the hills thou shalt dig brass," and yet hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of this metal was kept under the day: hills. Well, that is the difficulty with the church of God at this day. Its talent is not developed. If one-half of its energy could be brought out, it might take the public iniquities of the day by the throat and make them bite the dust. If human eloquence were consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ, it could in a few years persuade this whole earth to surrender to God.

There is enough undeveloped Christian energy in the United States to bring the whole world to Christ, but it is buried under strata of indifference and under whole mountains of sloth. Now, is it not time for the mining to begin, and the pickaxes to plunge, and for this buried metal to be brought out and put into the furnaces and be turned into howitzers and carbines for the Lord's host? The vast majority of Christians in this day are useless. The most of the Lord's battalion belong to the reserve corps. The mest of the crew are asleep in the hammocks. The most of the metal is

under the hills. Oh, is it not time for the church of God to rouse up and understand that we want all the energies, all the talents and all the wealth enlisted for Christ's sake? I like the nickname that the English soldiers gave to Blucher, the commander They called him "Old Forwards," We have had enough retreats in the church of Christ: let us have a glorious advance. And I say to you new as the general said when his troops were affrighted. Rising up in his stirrups, his hair flying in the wind, he lifted his voice until 20,000 troops heard him, crying out, "Forward, the whole line!"

THE LOGICIANS OF THE CHURCH. Again, I learn from this subject that we sometimes do well to take advantage of the world's sharpening instruments. These Israelites were reduced to a file, and so they went over to the garrison of the Philistines to get their axes, and their goads, and their plows sharpened. The Bible distinctly states in the context that they had no other instruments now with which to do this work, and the Israelites did right when they went over to the Philistines to use their grindstones. My friends, is it not right for us to employ the world's grindstones? If there be art, if there be logic, if there be business faculty on the other side, let us go over and employ it for Christ's sake.

The fact is we fight with too dull weapons, and we work with too dull im plements. We hack and we maul when we ought to make a clean stroke. Let us go over among sharp business men and among sharp literary men and find out what their tact is, and then transfer itsto the cause of Christ. If they have science and art, it will do us good to rub against it. In other words, let us employ the world's grindstones. We will listen to their music, and we will watch their acumen, and we will use their grindstones, and we will borrow their philosophical apparatus to make our experiments, and we will borrow their printing presses to publish our Bibles, and we will borrow their rail trains to carry our Christian literature, and we will borrow their ships to transport our

missionaries.

That was what made Paul such a master in his day. He not only got all the learning he could get of Dr. Gamaliel, but afterward standing on Mars hill and in crowded thoroughfare quoted their poetry and grasped their logic and wielded their eloquence and employed taking his position in pew, or in pulpit, their mythology until Dionysius, the Areopagite, learned in the schools of that position against all oppression, and Athens and Heliopolis, went down under all trial, and all persecution, and all

his tremendous powers. That was what gave Thomas Chalmers his power in his day. He conquered the world's astronomy and compelled it to ring out the wisdom and greatness of the Lord, until for the second time the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy. That was what gave to Jonathan Edwards his influence in his day. We consider that the first blast of psystems of the great his fact that the first blast of psystems of the great his fact that the first blast of the fact that fact that the first blast of the fact that the fact th fluence in his day. He conquered the the earth, with all their columns pound-

them lose their edges. We want no rusty blades in this fight. We want no colter that cannot rip up the glebe. We want no ax that cannot fell the trees. We want no goad that cannot start the lazy team. Let us get the very best grindstones we can find, though they be in the possession of the Philistines, compelling them to turn the crank, while we bear down with all our might on the swift revolving wheel until all our energies and faculties shall be brought up to bright, here, sterm, dittering edge. them lose their edges. We want no rusty

Again, my subject teaches us on what a small allowance Philistine iniquity and vibration, and its chain of small puts a man. Yes, these Philistines shut bones, and its auditory nerves, closing up the mines, and then they took the spears and the awords, then they took the blacksmiths, then they took the grind-And we want some one able to ex- stones, and they took everything but a pound the first chapter of Genesis, bring | file. Ch, that is the way sin works. It ing to it the geology and the astronomy grabs everything. It begins with robof the world, until, as Job suggested, bery, and it ends with robbery. It de-

"the stones of the field shall be in spoils this faculty and that faculty and lengue" with the truth, and "the stars in keeps on until the whole nature is gone. ture these weapons. Let menof God go in personal appearance, it mars his visout and take possession of the platform. ege. Was he affluent, it sends the sher-Let all the printing press of this coun- iff to sell him out. Was he influential, changed that you can see he is sarcastic and rasping and that the Philistines

Oh, "the way of the transgressor is hard." His cup is bitter. His night is athan on his busy hands and on his dark. His pangs are deep. His end is praying knees climb up on the rock of terrific. Philistine iniquity says to that hindrance, and in the name of the Lord man, "Now, surrender to me, and I will give you all you want-music for the ary Philistines. If these men will not dance, swift steeds for the race, imperial couch to alumber on, and you shall be refreshed with the rarest fruits in baskets of golden filigree." He lies. The music turns out to be a groan. The fruits burst the rind with rank poison. The filigree is made up of twisted snakes. The couch is a grave. Small allowance of rest, small allowance of peace, small allowance of comfort. Cold, hard, rough -nothing but a file. So it was with Voltaire, the most applauded man of his

The Scripture was his jestbook, whence he Bonmots to gall the Christian and the Jew; An infidel when well, but what when sick? Oh, then a text would touch him to the quick

Seized with hemorrhage of the lungs in Paris, where he had gone to be crowned in the theater as an idol of all France, he sends a messenger to get a priest that he may be reconciled to the church before he dies. A great terror falls upon him. He makes the place all round about him so dismal that the nurse declares that she would not for all the wealth of Europe see another infidel die. Philistine iniquity had promised him all the world's garlands, but in the inst hour of his life, when he needed solacing, sent tearing across his concience and his nerves a file, a file.

So it was with Lord Byron, his undeanness in England only surpassed by his uncleanness in Venice, then going on fretting at his nurse, Fletcher, fretting at himself, fretting at the world, fretting at God, and he who gave to the world "Childe Harold," and "Sardanapalus," and "The Prisoner of Chillon," and "The Siege of Corinth," reduced to nothing but

THE WAGES OF SIN.

Oh, sin has great facility for making promises, but it has just as great facility or breaking them: A Christian life is the only cheerful life, while a life of wicked surrender is remorse, ruin and leath. Its painted glee is sepulchral hastliness. In the brightest days of ne Mexican empire Montezuma said he felt gnawing at his heart something like a canker. Sin, like a monster wild beast a canker. Sin, like a monster wild beast have no suspicion of any indelicacy in of the forest, sometimes licks all over its the act, and the fact that the victim to victim in order that the victim may be more easily swallowed; but generally venture, in her opinion, all the more more easily swanowed, but and up-cin rasps and galls and tears and upbraids and files. Is it not so, Herod? Is it not so, Hildebrand? Is it not so, Robespierre? Aye! aye! it is so; it is so. 'The way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

History tells us that when Rome was founded, on that day there were 12 a transgressor dies the sky is black with whole flocks of them. Vultures! When see sin robbing so many people, and 1 ing. I dare not keep it back lest I risk the salvation of my own soul. Rover, the pirate, pulled down the warning bell on Incheape rock, thinking that he would nave a chance to despoil vessels that were crushed on the rocks, but one night hi own ship crashed down on this very rock, and he went down with all his cargo. God declares, "When I say to the wicked thou shalt surely die, and thou givest him not warning, that same man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thy hands."

I learn from this subject what a sad thing it is when the church of God loses its metal. These Philistines saw that if they could only get all the metallic weapons out of the hands of the Israel-ites all would be well, and therefore they took the swords and the spears. They did not want them to have a single metallic weapon. When the metal of the Israelites was gone, their strength was gone. This is the trouble with the church of God today. It is surrendering its courage. It has not got enough metal. How seldom it is that you see a man

criticism. world's metaphysics and forced it into the service of God, until not only the old meeting house in Northampton, Mass., but all Christendom, felt thrilled by his Christian power.

Well, now, my friends, we all have tools of Christian usefulness. Do not let them loss their edges. We want no reads.

I sometimes say to my wife: "There is

We want more of the determination of Jonathan. I do not suppose he was a very wonderful man, but he got on his knees and clambered up the rock, and with the help of his armor bearer he hewed down the Philistines, and a man of very ordinary intellectual attainments, on his knees, can storm anything for God and for the truth. We want omething of the determination of the meral who went into the war, and as he entered his first battle his knees knocked together, his physical courage not quite up to his moral courage, and he looked down at his knees and said. "Ah, if you knew where I was going to take you, you would shake worse than thatl

There is only one question for you to ask and for me to ask. What does God want me to do? Where is the field? Where is the work? Where is the anvil? Where is the prayer meeting? Where is the pulpit? And finding out what God wants us to do go ahead and do it—all the energies of our body, mind and soul enlisted in the undertaking. Oh, my brethren, we have but little time in which to fight for God. You will be dead soon.

Put in the Christian cause every ener gy that God gives you. "What thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might, for there is neither wisdom nor device in the grave whither we are all hastening. Oh, is it not high time that we wake out of sleep? Church of God, lift up your head at the coming victory! The Philistines will go down, and the Israelites will go up. We are on the winning side. Hear that—on the winning side!

I think just now the King's horses are being hooked up to the chariot, and when he does ride down the sky there will be such a hosanna among his friends and such a wailing among his enemies as will make the earth tremble and the heavens sing. I see now the plumes of the Lord's cavalrymen tossing in the air. The archangel before the throne has already burnished his trumpet, and then he will put its golden lips to his own, and he will blow the long, loud blast that will make all nations free. Clap your hands, all ye people! Hark! I hear the falling thrones and the dashing down of demolished iniquities.

the Kissed the Negro.

In "Old Vienna," one of the most attractive features of Midway plaisance, a strange incident was noticed. A native of Abyssinia had entered the restaurant to his brilliant misery at Missolonghi, end and was scated at one of the tables. He was tall and well formed. His hair fell in ringlets upon his shoulders. He was young and handsome, but black aspight. Presently a pretty little Viennese wait ing maid tripped up to where he sat, reached down and gave him a rousing kiss. There was great laughter all around, and the handsome darky also laughed, for he enjoyed the joke fully. It seems that the waiting maid had been challenged by a party of American visitors to kiss the swarthy stranger. She accepted the challenge and won \$2 thereby.

No woman who had lived any length of time in this country would have done that thing. The Viennese girl seemed to

No one who goes to Europe from this country can fail to be startled by the seemingly special favor in which the ne-gro is held abroad. We do not wonder that the negro likes life in England, Germany and France. We are not surprise to read in the dispatches that negro vultures flying through the air, but when | jockeys are offering their services free provided English turfmen will pay their transportation to England and board them while there. In Europe the negro see them going down day by day and is petted. He enjoys privileges hardly week by week, I must give a plain warn-accorded to Caucasian visitors. And womankind there simply dotes upon him.-Chicago Record.

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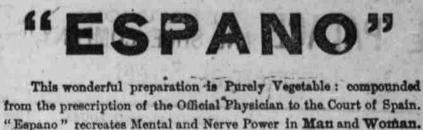
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